

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Department of Natural Resources

Room 3710

May 9, 2006

Minutes

Member Present:

HARTY, Kimm – Utah Geological Survey
GRIERSON, Dave – Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands
CANNING, Michael – Division of Wildlife Resources
BIRKS, William – DEQ, Division of Drinking Water
CLARK, Robert – DEQ, Division of Air Quality
SCHLOTTHAUER, Bill – Division of Water Rights
GRUBAUGH-LITTIG, Pamela – Division of Oil, Gas & Mining

Others Present:

WRIGHT, Carolyn – Public Lands Section
LANDURETH, Brenda – Department of Natural Resources
JEMMING, Jonathan – Public Lands Section
HUNSAKER, Lori – Public Lands Section
COTTAM, Brian – GOPB
HIGDON, Matthew – Bureau of Land Management

Kimm Harty, chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.

I. Approval of Minutes/Announcements

The minutes from March 14, April 11 and May 9 will be approved at the June 13, 2006 meeting.

Lori Hunsaker is the new Archeological Permitting Specialist (537-9046) with the Public Lands Section.

II. Reports from Agencies on Any Anticipated Projects

Kimm Harty announced that Project Management Library #6548 submitted a Preliminary Evaluation Report for a proposed culinary well located at Wasatch Mountain State Park. Contact Susan Zarekarizi for more information.

Bill James is the new Division of Wildlife Energy Policy Coordinator.

Dave Grierson announced that there is a proposal for no surface occupancy oil and gas leasing along the Green River south of Dinosaur National Monument (map of the Green River Offering VII). The comment period ends on May 19, 2006. Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance challenged the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on the adjacent parcel.

Bill Birks reported that a preliminary drinking water well has been filled by Midway City.

Jonny Jemming suggested that the committee members inform each other about agency policy, planning issues and agency activities at future meetings. He recommended a more formalized meeting at the State Office Building with refreshments. Carolyn Wright will resolve any parking difficulties, arrange carpool arrangements and send out a reminder. Information Technology is working on the noticing tool. Archeological information will be included in the noticing process. If any state agency is contacted by a federal agency to participate as a cooperating agency please consult with the Public Lands Office.

Brian Cottom provided an update on the status of planning grant funds.

Matthew Higdon, BLM, reported that the Vernal Field Office is briefing Kathleen Clarke on the Vernal Plan Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that will be finalized summer of 2006. Price is working on supplemental information and analysis to their DRMP DEIS to include four omitted Areas of Critical Environmental Concern. The state and public will review the document for the new ACECs (Mussentuchit Badlands, White-tailed prairie dog, Desolation Canyon and Lower Muddy Creek) Leasing will not be allowed in those areas until the RMP process is completed. A 90-day comment period will follow completion of the final supplemental document. Next week BLM is conducting a huge oil and gas leasing sale. Matthew has accepted a new position and will be permanently moving to Washington D.C.

III. Review of Proposed Items as Listed on the Project Management Library

No items were discussed.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:40 a.m. The next RDCC meeting on June 13, 2006 will be held at the State Office Building, at 9:00 a.m., in room 5112.